

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE ARTS**

**Connecticut Arts Council  
April 20, 2015  
One Constitution Plaza, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Hartford, CT**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Fritz Jellinghaus, Mimsi Coleman, Karen Osbrey, Ted Yudain, Jimmy Greene, Catherine Smith

**Absent:** Ann Sheffer, Lisa Scails, Amy Wynn, Mary DeCroce, Philip Eliasoph

**Staff:** Dan Forrest, John Cusano, Rhonda Olisky, Bonnie Koba, Tamara Dimitri, Michael Price

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 pm.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A motion by Catherine Smith, seconded by Mimsi Coleman, was made to approve the minutes of February 10, 2015.

(Y-6; N-0)

**III. Chairman's Report**

Fritz Jellinghaus stated that the Arts Council Foundation needs to reconvene as a board to move on the official establishing of the foundation. Each council member needs to submit their business and home addresses. The new Head of Culture will by by-law become the new Executive Director of the Arts Council Foundation. Upon receipt of all this information, Shipman and Goodman will be able to submit the final form in order to get provisional status to begin accepting charitable contributions.

The Governor's Arts Awards Program has been postponed until the Fall. The Arts Council will meet on this event sometime later in the Spring to discussed recommendations.

**IV. Director's Report**

Daniel Forrest reported that we are waiting for the Legislature to respond to the Governor's budget. We expect the budget to be delivered by the end of the month.

In addition, there have been some concerns about the grant programs COA has been presenting to the field for FY16. Particularly with the budget being less defined going into this cycle than it is normally. COA will be extending the deadlines for the grant applications. Hopefully, this will allow the state budget to come into sharper focus and we have more information as we come into the details of this granting process.

**V. Action Items for Recommendations**

**A. Elizabeth L. Mahaffey Arts Administration Fellowship**

It is recommended the Arts Council approve Emily Mattina, Artistic Director of Shakesperience Productions Inc. as the recipient of the FY15 Elizabeth L. Mahaffey Arts Administration Fellowship in the amount of \$2,500.00.

Motion: Jimmy Greene

Second: Mimsie Coleman

(Y-6; N-0)

**B. Assets for Artists**

It is recommended that the Arts Council approve an amount not to exceed \$13,000 to support an expansion of Assets for Artists (AFA) into Connecticut.

Motion: Ted Yudain

Second: Philip Eliasoph

(Y-6; N-0)

**VI. Other Business**

No other business.

**VII: Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mimsie Coleman, seconded by Jimmy Greene, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:39 pm.

The next Arts Council meeting is on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lu Rivera

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